



INDIANA EARLY LEARNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Provider Participation and Advancement Workgroup

Meeting Minutes Summary

Date: September 8, 2014

MEMBERS

Kevin Bain

Melanie Brizzi

Charlie Geier

Beckie Minglin

Tammy Veselsky

Alonzo Weems

ADVISORY MEMBERS

John Burnett

Connie Sherman

Attendees:

Melanie Brizzi, Kathryn Rausch, Dana Jones, Beth Barrett, Kathryn Raasch, Amanda Lopez, Randy Garratt, Jane Meyer, Deb Hughes, Kathy Frank, Ruth Amaro, Kent Mitchell

Key Topics Discussed:

1. Reviewed Draft PTQ Pathway for LEAs (posted in Wiggyo) and addendums.
2. Workgroup made proposed recommended changes to Pathway.
3. Approval Process: Workgroup recommendations will be presented to ELAC for approval on Friday, September 12th. Then the final version will be shared with the PTQ Oversight Committee for approval and implementation on 22nd. Then presentation to five pilot counties on the 24th. The expedited timeline is to support the implementation of the PreK pilot in the five counties.
4. Topics to include in a supporting FAQ/Policy Manual document: Should have a clear explanation of CCDF funding; clearly explain ratio; certification of classrooms/buildings certified; explanation of Director; Advisory Board; use the definition in PTQ for professional development; program evaluation definition; key points of contact (CCR&R, CCDF, PTQ Coaches, PES Inspectors)
5. Endorsement process for specialties, such as PreK, Infant Toddler, etc.
6. Opportunity to provide/update education requirements and professional development for paraprofessionals that is CDA equivalent.
7. High Level Project Plan -

Key Questions Raised:

1. Is there funding available to support capacity building, such as outdoor space, classroom facilities, etc.?
2. What are the approved accrediting bodies that schools can use for Level 4?
3. What is education and professional development that could be provided for paraprofessionals in LEAs?

Action Steps:

1. Workgroup members were asked to review the draft PTQ Pathway for Traditional Public Preschools and send Melanie any comments or edits by Thursday, September 11th before the ELAC meeting.
2. Melanie will share the recommended pathway with the PTQ Oversight Committee for final approval and will work on implementation.

Next Meeting:

Date: Monday, October 27th 2014 at 1:00pm

Location: 1155 South High School Road, Indianapolis, IN